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EXDIS

E O 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MAPAM POLITICAL SECRETARY'S CONTACT WITH PLO

1. DURING CONVERSATION ON JAN 7, I ASKED FONMIN
ALLON TO GIVE ME HIS VIEWS ON CONTACT IN PRAGUE
BETWEEN PLO REP AND MAPAM POLITICAL SECRETARY FEDER (TEL AVIV 118-
EXDIS).

2. ALLON'S FACE DARKENED AND HE MADE HIS VIEWS ABUNDANTLY
CLEAR WHEN I MENTIONED FEDER'S NAME BY GRUMBLING, "THAT
ASS." HE ELABORATED TO NOTE THAT FEDER'S ACTION WAS AGAINST
GOI POLICY, LABOR PARTY POLICY AND EVEN AGAINST MAPAM POLICY.
IN FACT, HE SNORTED, FEDER HIMSELF IS AGAINST CONTACTS WITH
THE PLO*

3. AS ALLON HEARD THE STORY, FEDER WAS SITTING WITH AN ISRAELI
COMMUNIST (RAKAH) WHEN A PLO TYPE CAME UP TO HIM, TALKED
FOR 2 OR 3 MINUTES AND LEFT. FEDER HAS BEEN TRYING TO
SEE ALLON FOR 10 DAYS BUT ALLON IS SO MADE AT HIM HE WON'T SEE HIM.

4. IN BRIEF, ALLON SAID FEDER MADE A STUPID MISTAKE, AND NOW
THE GOI IS IN THE POSITION OF EXPLAINING TO THE WESTERN
EUROPEANS-- MANY OF WHOM ARE STRAINING TO TALK TO THE PLO--
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THAT THEY MUST NOT TAKE THE FEDER BLUNDER

AS AN " ISRAELI PRECEDENT " TO FOLLOW.
HE ADDED WITH A TWINKLE THAT HE ASSUMED HE DID NOT
HAVE TO MAKE THE SAME EXPLANATION TO THE US SINCE WE HAVE
NBER HAD ANY DOUBTS ON THE GOI POSITION. I
COMMENTED THAT I HAD HEARD THAT POSITION EXPRESSED BEFORE.

5. COMMENT: APPARENTLY UNDER PRESSURE FEDER IS NOW ATTEMPTING
TO BELITTLE HIS CONTACT WITH PLO BUT TEL AVIV 0118 GIVES HIS
DIRECT, CONFIDENTIAL REPORT AS TRANSMITTED TO US WHICH WE BELIEVE
IS ACCURATE. FEDER TOLD US THAT HE SPOKE TO PLO DEL FOR 1-1/2
HOURS, NOT FOR TWO OR THREE MINUTES AS REPORTED BY
ALLON AND ALSO CARRIED IN PRESS.
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